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1. Should CH'ENTCh'ong be replaced as Governor of Taiwen, there is a runor that his most likely successor is HSIM Nan-kuang (), also known as HSIM. Ch'un-mu (), a member of the Kuomintang (K.T) and a member of the Chinese delegation in Tokyo, who arrived in Taiwan early in January 1949. During HSIM's recent tour of the island he expressed to Chinese officials in Taiwan his willingness to become governor. Many Chinese officials in Taiwan believe HSIM a logical choice for CH'EN's replacement, as

MSICH would have the support of many Talwanese, and because he is an opportunist who would be obedient to the K.T. HSIEH is not highly regarded by members of the Taiwanese independence movement because of his affiliation

- 2. HSIEI is about forty years of ago; he was born in Taiwan and received a normal school education in Japan. He taught Taiwanese in an elementary school in Taiwan, and later became a newspaper reporter. He was imprisoned by the Japanese on suspicion of being a Communist. After he was released he fled to Shanghai where he joined the K.T. married the daughter of a government official (unilentified), and eventually became a major general. HSIEI worked for the Central Government in Chungking during the war, and later was a pointed a member of the Chinose delegation to Japan.
- 3. Since his return in January to Taiwan, he has been touring the island delivering lectures on the current situation in Japan. While his speeches are somewhat critical of the Cherican occupation policy in Japan, his line seems designed primarily to influence Taiwanese youth toward China and away from Japan. HSIMH points out the difficult living conditions for these youth in Japan, and uses all possible examples to urge the youth to recognize that the future of Taiwan lies with the author country, China.
- 4. HSIEH has lectured in the cities of Tainan, Kaohsiung (Takao), Changhua (Shoka), Keelung (Kiirun), and Taipei (Taihoku). HSIEH left Taiwan for the mainland on 8 February, but he returned by 17 February, on that day he made a speech before the Provincial Information Department.**

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Comment. Here, as in the case of all reports of rumors, the grading of content as "possibly true" refers to the possibility of rumors existing, and not to the truth of the fact rumored. In this case it appears highly unlikely that the K.T would consider a man of HSIEM's calibre for such a post. However, certain Chinese officials may have the reported opinions on his chances.

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Comment. This presumably occurred in Taipei.